

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN COBB**, on February 10, 2003 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Cobb, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch
Mona Spaulding, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: None
Executive Action: None

COMMITTEE VETERANS' BILL

SENATOR MIKE WHEAT reported for the Veterans' Bills Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has worked through SB 4 and SB 50, combined them, and produced a Committee bill. The first draft was distributed. **EXHIBIT(sts29a01)**

SENATOR DEBBIE SHEA, SD 18, and **SENATOR GLENN ROUSH, SD 43**, have reviewed the bill and suggested changes.

SENATOR MIKE SPRAGUE commended **SEN. WHEAT** for his work on the bill.

CHAIRMAN COBB said the process is to have **SEN. WHEAT** sign off; then have Legal Services Division prepare a bill. That bill will then be scheduled for public hearing.

DISCUSSION: The Committee reviewed the time-lines involved to get the bill out of Committee, but still have notice for a public hearing.

The consensus was to hold the public hearing on Presidents' Day, February 17. The Committee bill will be scheduled as soon as possible. In the meantime, interested parties will be notified.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CHAIRMAN COBB reviewed the procedure to be adopted by the Committee for Board appointments. **EXHIBIT (sts29a02)**

DISCUSSION:

SEN. SPRAGUE suggested the list of nominees be made available to party caucuses. **SEN. WHEAT** agreed.

CHAIRMAN COBB mentioned that more nominees would be forthcoming. Nominees will be submitted to the Senate for review when a complete list has been compiled of those nominees currently submitted to the Senate State Administration Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:15 P.M.

SEN. JOHN COBB, Chairman

MONA SPAULDING, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (sts29aad)